Manure Depots are opened in the various parts of the State with the intention that these depots should become popular with a view to popularise the use of scientific manure among the public. If they should use this manure they must know the benefits thereof. For that some such statistics should be made available to them. It would not be a costly thing also to supply them a copy each.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I shall consult the Department and see if effect could be given to the suggestion made by the hon'ble member.

Mr. President : Mr. Salem's question may be asked by Mr. Kochukunhan Kaimal.

WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS—AMOUNT SPENT ON TANKS OR WELLS

227. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there is adequate water supply for drinking purposes in all the rural areas of the State now;

(*b*) the total number of wells or tanks that have been newly dug, and the total amount of money spent for the purpose (*i*) by Government, (*ii*) by the Panchayats since the Rural Development Ministry was established in the State;

(*c*) the names of the villages in the State that need an adequate supply of drinking water?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) There is adequate water supply in most parts of the State except some parts of Chittur Taluk and some parts of the littoral tracts in Cochin-Kanayannur and Cranganur Taluks.

(*b*)

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		Rs.	A.	P.
(*i*) Public Health Department	1 well	201	0	0
(*ii*) Panchayat Department	28 wells	6,444	11	2
	2 tanks	3,891	4	4
Total		10,536	15	6

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(*i*) Public Health Department	5 wells	864	1	4
(*ii*) Panchayat Department	32 wells	6,890	8	1
Total		7,754	9	5

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(*i*) Public Health Department 13 wells (including 11 tube wells)	1,704	3	3
(*ii*) Panchayat Department 67 wells	14,998	10	10
1 tank	1,995	15	0
Total	18,698	13	1
Grand total (146 wells and 3 tanks)	36,990	6	0

(*c*) Please see answer to question (*a*). No such list of villages is available. Whenever any scarcity of drinking water in any part is brought to the notice of Government, adequate and possible action is being taken to redress the grievance.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Sir, some two years back a committee was appointed by Government to go into this question of fresh water supply to the littoral tracts. May I know whether this committee has submitted its report?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The committee itself does not know what report is to be submitted to the Government. We are unable to send a report. We are going on providing tube-wells. We are in consultation with the Chief Engineer on the question of providing bore-hole wells. One such attempt on the island is a failure. I want the House to understand that the Government are also as anxious as this House to do something to redress the grievance and supply the elementary needs of the population. But we do not know what to do. This is rather a great difficulty.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Are the Government aware of the fact that the 11 tube-wells sunk in the littoral areas are not working well and are in need of repairs? In almost all these tube-wells water is not available.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I am aware. We are only waiting to add a few more and to appoint a permanent man to go round these places and to carry out the necessary repairs so that there may be sufficient work for one man. As a matter of fact we will be appointing the person within 2 or 3 months. I say this for the information of the House.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Even the little water that is made available by the tube wells is denied to them, because these wells are not in proper working condition. I wanted to bring this matter to the notice of the Hon'ble Minister.

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Mr. President : Is the pump out of order? If it has gone out of order, certainly it must be set right. It should be done forthwith.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The difficulty is this: There is no man to go round these places. Unless we appoint one, this difficulty will be there. I shall assure the House that we are experimenting on the various proposals and we will deal with them one after the other.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* In the Budget Session of 1115, I think the Chief Engineer gave an assurance that some sort of a tank will be constructed somewhere near the northern littoral tract wherein some water will be stored and pumped out. But I think nothing has been done.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is the next question that is engaging the attention of the committee. We are not sure whether a large quantity of water will be available. That is the difficulty. If a large quantity is drawn, then the water becomes saline and brackish. In Malipuram there is a tank and there is good water also. But the question is whether it will be good water if a large quantity is removed from it?

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* In Alleppey they have put up Artesian wells. They have succeeded in putting up such wells.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Conditions are different. It is but luck. For instance, in Trichur, we have dug a well some 640 ft. deep. Even there the water was not good. It was brackish.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* But I request that the repairs of the tube wells may be attended to immediately.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* In regard to tube wells we can push on with repairs. I can also multiply the tube-wells. I have in fact put a large amount for this purpose this year.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു മറുപടിയായിട്ട് ചിറവൂർ, കണയന്നൂർ, കൊട്ടങ്ങല്ലൂർ എന്നീ താലൂക്കുകളിൽ മാത്രമെ ജലക്ഷാമമുള്ളുവെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അടുത്ത അവസരത്തിൽ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി അവർകൾ തിരുവില്വാമല സന്ദർശിച്ചപ്പോൾ അവിടേയും ജലക്ഷാമമുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മസസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്.

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : ഉണ്ടു്, അതിലേക്കായിട്ടു് അയ്യായിരം ഉറുപ്പിക ചിലവു ചെയ്യുവാൻ നീക്കിവെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

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മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ : അതു് ഇക്കൊല്ലംതന്നെ ചിലവു ചെയ്യുവാൻ തീച്ചയാക്കിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ : ഉവ്വ്.

Mr. T. K. Nair *(Pazhayannur):* Thanks for the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it not a fact that many of these wells are without water when water is required?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Some of these wells do get dried up in summer. I admit that.

WAITING ROOM IN KUNNAMKULAM FOR MOTOR BUS PASSENGERS

228. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have made any waiting room for motor bus passengers in Kunnamkulam in view of the definite promise made by the Hon'ble Minister on 30th July 1940 on the floor of the Council in reply to cut motion No. 8 (Public Health) in the last Budget Session;

(*b*) if not, why?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Kunnamkulam Town Council came into being only on 1st Vrischigam 1116. Steps are being taken by the Town Council to levy the various taxes. It is too early for it to consider the question of providing a waiting room for motor bus passengers. The Council will, however, be asked to consider the question at the time of the next budget; most probably even earlier.

KERALEEYA AYURVEDA SAMAJAM HOSPITAL—PARTICULARS REGARDING

229. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government have any voice in the management of the Keraleeya Ayurveda Samajam Hospital at Cheruthuruthi;

(*b*) whether it is a limited company under the Companies Act;

(*c*) if not, whether it is an institution registered under the Charitable Institutions Act anywhere;

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